

Delaney - Houghton Elementary




UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Region 10 Request for Concurrence on Proposed Nationally Significant or Precedent-Setting Removal at the Delancey-Houghton Elementary School Site, Soap Lake, Grant County, Washington

FROM: Chris D. Field 
Program Manager
Emergency Management Program

TO: Reggie Cheatham, Director
Office of Emergency Management

This memorandum requests your concurrence on the proposed removal action at the Delancey-Houghton Elementary School Site (Site), Soap Lake, Grant County, Washington. Redlegation of Authority R-14-2 gives you the authority to concur on nationally significant or precedent-setting removals.

My staff has discussed this proposed removal action with your staff in the Office of Emergency Management's Preparedness & Response Operations Division (PROD). PROD has advised Region 10 that this removal is considered nationally significant or precedent-setting because it involves asbestos as the principal contaminant of concern.

The Site is a partially demolished, unattended, former school located in a residential area. Perimeter fencing does not fully surround the property. The roof, windows and doors have been removed and covering the windows and doors would be impractical. During discussions the Soap Lake Police Chief, City Supervisor, and Grant County Treasurer have all provided accounts of the Site being used as a shelter by homeless people. An anonymous complaint indicated that children play on the Site. EPA has identified asbestos containing materials, asbestos contaminated vermiculite insulation and debris suspected of asbestos contaminant.

The proposed removal action seeks to mitigate threats to public health, welfare and the environment posed by the presence and release of uncontrolled hazardous substances located at the Site. The proximity of the Site to residential properties and the fact the Site is vacant and unsecured, with asbestos contamination, require that this removal action be classified as time-critical.

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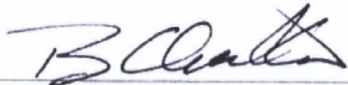


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The Action Memorandum is attached for your review. Please indicate your concurrence to proceed with asbestos removal at the Delancey-Houghton Elementary School Site.

Concur:



Reggie Cheatham, Director
Office of Emergency Management

5/5/12

Date

According to the redelegation, authority to non-concur remains with the Assistant Administrator. If you choose not to concur on this action, please forward this Action Memorandum to the Assistant Administrator.

Non-Concur:

Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator
Office of Land and Emergency Management

Date

Enclosure